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450100-03090**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1, 4-6, 9-11, 14-16, 19, and 20 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16, which are independent, are hereby amended. Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, and 18 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14-17, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,714,968 to Prust.

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450100-03090**III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 3, 8, 13, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,714,968 to Prust in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,563,800 to Salo, et al.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-13, 15-18, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,563,800 to Salo, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,714,968 to Prust.

Claims 3, 8, 13, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,563,800 to Salo, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,714,968 to Prust in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,339,826 to Hayes, Jr. et al.

IV. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“...receiving means for receiving address data designated as an access point indicating said exclusive storage area oriented to said user registration data from said server over said network and for receiving one or more automatic upload programs,

wherein each of said automatic upload programs is programmed to connect to a unique part of said exclusive storage area;

connection means for allowing each of said automatic upload programs to perform connection processing automatically to said access point in the said server,

transfer means for writing a data file to the exclusive storage area automatically when connection processing is performed...” (emphasis added)

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As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 6,714,968 to Prust (hereinafter, merely "Prust") relates to a data storage system that allows seamless access to remote storage areas via a global network. The storage devices provide a plurality of virtual storage areas each assigned to a user. Access to these virtual storage areas is fully integrated with an operating system executing on a client computer so as to allow access to the storage area using standard file management routines provided by the operating system.

As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 6,563,800 to Salo, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Salo") relates to a data center providing access to subscriber information from a remote enterprise network in real-time. A login server receives a request inputted by a subscriber on a remote access device to access subscriber information. When login server authenticates login information, the requested subscriber information is accessed by the login server and is provided to the remote device.

As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 6,389,826 to Hayes, Jr. et al. (hereinafter, merely "Hayes") relates to a system for interconnecting a server and a plurality of user stations. The server stores a plurality of user applications for downloading and further stores access permissions for each of the applications.

Applicants submit that nothing has been found in Prust, Salo, or Hayes that would teach or suggest the above-identified features of independent claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is believed to be patentable.

Independent claims 6, 11 and 16 are similar in scope and are believed patentable for similar reasons.

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450100-03090**V. DEPENDENT CLAIMS**

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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